fond of bananas. They ate 1,285,000,000 of them last year. ALMOST one-sixteenth of the popula-

tion of the District of Columbia is made up of widows.

OUERN VICTORIA suffers a great deal from rheumatism in her knees. Unkneesy lies the head, etc.

It is estimated since the Christian era began over 4,000,000,000 human beings have perished in war.

THE amount of money invested in electrical industries in this country is something over \$1,000,000,000.

MR. LOUIS GATHMANN, & "western astronomer," claims to have seen grass on the moon. Let him look again and maybe he will see the sign: "Keep Off," and so on.

PATTI will spend the winter in Eudo next year. She ought to settle down to the quiet enjoyment of her large surplus of American dollars.

THE corn crop of the United States is estimated this year at 1,200,000,000 bushels. It has averaged for the past nineteen years 1,616,625,000 bashels. In 1874 the yield was but 850,000,000 bushels, and in 1876 was 1,284,000,000 bushels.

A woman raised an umbrella in an Ohio town the other day and several horses ran away, and fifteen people were either killed or seriously injured. All of which but redemonstrates the fact that a woman and an umbrella form about the most deadly combination known to modern science.

THE islet of Massowa, in the Red sea, where Italy is sending its anarchists, is one of the hottest places in the world, and escape from it in that sterile region would be very difficult. The plan of sending the anarchiists somewhere to practice their cult upon each other is meeting with favor.

A woman in Australia who had not seen her husband for some time became impatient and had the following advertisement inserted in a newspaper: "If William Fulton does not turn up in three months, or else give some support to his family, his wife, Charlotte Fulton, intends to marry

CY. WARMAN, the author of the song "Sweet Marie," says the song is now bringing in for him and Raymon Moore, the composer of its music, \$2,000 a month. The old fellow who said he cared not who made the laws of a nation as long as he could make its songs, was a man of unusual financial astuteness.

THE supreme court of Oklahoma has decided that a couple of hundred divorce judgments granted by the lower courts in that territory are invalid. ome of the divorced people have remarried in various parts of the country. If the decision shall tend to discourage the wildcat divorce industry it will be a good thing.

OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES has not hesitated to express his pride in the fact that the year of his birth gave to the world four of its great men-Tennyson, Darwin and Gladstone, in England, and Abraham Lincoln in this country. And when his own name was added to the list the doctor modestly added: "Oh, I sneaked in, as it

WEATHER PROPHET SWANN, of Kansas, claims that he predicted the drought of this year ten years ago and foretold the wet year of 1889, and he now predicts that 1895 and 1896 will be good crop years. His theory is that the best wheat crops occur in even years. Swann has kept a record of the weather for nearly sixty years and believes in "cycles." It is really pleasant to see a man so perfectly satisfied with himself as a prophet.

New Jersey has a state hangman named James Van Hise, and he officiated at the recent execution of Altenberger, who was hanged for murdering Katie Rupp a year and a half ago. The fee for hanging a man is \$250, and Van Hise made application to the sheriff at Jersey City for his pay. He was disgusted at ascertaining that a garnishee suit on an old debt that he supposed had been forgotten had got in ahead of him. He declared that it was a new way of "cheating the hangman."

A STRONG effort is making in Baltimore to raise funds for the proposed monument to Francis Scott Key, who wrote "The Star Spangled Banner" during the bombardment of Fort Mc-Henry by the British in 1814. The monument is to overlook Palapsco and Fort McHenry and the battlefield on Palapsco neck and will stand where the defenders of Baltimore threw up breastworks to defend the city against invasion. It is strange that such a monument has not been previously undertaken. Key gave his country its favorite national anthem in words which will never die.

THE danger from derelict vessels on the ocean is not duly understood by the average dweller on land. The latest Pilot Chart of the North Atlantic ocean issued by the United States hydrographic bureau states that during the last seven years no less than 1626 of these have been reported, that the average number constantly affoat is estimated to be 232 per year, and that the average period a derelict is affoat after having been abandoned is about thirty days. But some of them persist much longer, one vessel being reported forty-four times since its abandonment three years ago.

A FATHER of some marriageable daughters, not far from Mount Vernon, N. Y., had a sofa uphoistered, and here is a liet of what was found between the back and cushion: Fortyseven hairpins, 19 suspender buttons, & mustache combs, 13 needles, 35 cignrettes, 8 photographs, 317 pins, 76 grains devastated. of coffee, 46 cloves, 27 cuff buttons, 6 pocketknives, 15 poker chips, a vial of incorporated to build an electric road chewing gum, 50 toothpicks, 28 matches, furnish heat and light to towns along to Omaha. The neglect, meantime, of 39 collar buttons, 11 neckties, 2 love the line. letters, a few pieces of candy, 2 dimes, 8 quarters, 1 nickel, 5 buckles, 5 lead throughout central Iowa. At Knox- He is penniless and doubtless depencils, 1 pen and 4 button hocks.

# POTOSI JOURNAL Epitome of the Week.

INTERESTING NEWS COMPILATION.

FROM WASHINGTON. ADVENTURERS were said to be detroying all the animals in Alaska by the indiscriminate use of poison. THE present tariff law makes no provision for a duty upon preserved

Instructions were given the United States consul at Hamburg todetain all mmigrants to America from East and West Prussia, Posen and Silicia during the prevalence of cholera in those districts.

Excuanges at the leading clearing nouses in the United States during the week ended on the 21st aggregated \$900,287,045, against \$853,263,145 the previous week. The decrease, compared with the corresponding week in

In the United States there were 212 business failures in the seven days ended on the 21st, against 207 the week previous and 321 in the corresponding time in 1893.

#### THE EAST.

THE democrats in Pennsylvania made the following congressional rope, and it is uncertain what she will nominations: First district, D. J. Callahan (dem.). Second. Max Herzburg (dem.); Third, J. P. McCullen (dem.); Fourth, G. Muller (dem.); Fifth, David Moffet (dem.); Twentieth, Chester and Ernest Thomas were T. J. Burke (dem.).

Ar a meeting of the board of directors in New York L. C. Weir, of the Adams Express company. In New York the industrious ham-

mering by bears forced December wheat options to 58% cents, a new low record.

industry was paralyzed by a strike of 5,500 employes. LOCOMOTIVE firemen in convention

strike as long as contracts were not violated. Ar the United States veterinary con-

vention in Philadelphia the docking of horses' tails was condemned. In the jail at Pittsburgh, Pa., George Schmous was hanged for murdering his

wife and two children. Physicians in New York were puzzled over the case of a woman weighing ninety-eight pounds, but who could not be lifted against her will.

THE noted opera singer, Mme. Amy Fursch-Madi, died in Warrenville, N. She was about 50 years old. An injunction to prevent the sugar

trust doing business in the state was refused in the supreme court at Boston. THE constitutional convention of New York adopted a civil service amendment recommending old soldiers for office.

THE famous Chicago caterer, Herbert M. Kinsley, died in New York from the effects of a surgical operation. He was 63 years old.

FIRE destroyed the Grand View hotel at Atlantic Highlands, N. J., the loss being \$100,000. A CLAUSE adopted by the New York

book-making in the state. For the week ended on the 23d the percentages of the baseball clubs in the national league were: Baltimore. .699; New York, .659; Boston, .635; Philadelphia, .579; Brooklyn, .544; Cleveland, .520; Pittsburgh, .492; Chieago, .426; Cincinnati, .415; St. Louis, 404; Washington, .352; Louisville, .282. In New York Sandow failed to lift Mrs. Abbott, the ninety-eight-pound

woman who has astonished physicians with her peculiar power. Ar Duryea, Pa., five acres of ground sunk and twenty-six dwelling houses were wrecked.

# WEST AND SOUTH.

Because of domestic trouble Lafayette Prince, a wealthy farmer living near Cleveland, O., killed his wife with an ax and then cut his own throat.

JAMES HELLEN and Robert Clemens fought a duel with knives at Blackville, Ga., and both were mortally wounded.

A MOB lynched David Goosby (colored), who assaulted and killed a girl

at Thomasville, Ga. AT Galesburg, Ill., Alix dethroned Nancy Hanks as queen of the trotting turf by reeling off a mile in 2:03%. SUGAR planters in Louisiana applied for a mandamus against Secretary Carlisle to compel the inspection of sugar

plantations. FARMERS near Lincoln, O. T., lynched Perry Cook, suspected of stealing norses.

MILTON F. JORDAN, of Barry county, lemocratic nominee for lieutenant governor of Michigan, has declined. THE democrats of the Fifth Missouri district renominated J. C. Tarsney for congress.

NOMINATIONS for congress were made s follows: Minnesota, Third district, J. P. Heatwole (rep.). Nebraska, First district, Mayor Weir (dem.). Tennessee. Fourth district, J. H. Denton (rep.).

AT Fort Smith, Ark., John Poynter was hanged for murdering William Bolding and Ed von der Ver on December 25, 1891, in the Indian country. For dispensing beer at a recent picnie Bishop Maes suspended the Catholic Young Men's institute of Coving-

ton, Kv. DIRECTLY paced a mile at Galesburg, Ill., in 2:07%, reducing the 2-year-old record from 2:09.

In session at Chattanooga the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows lecided to admit women to the order. BicycLEs and electric lines have reduced the average value of horses in They were assassinated by Chinese be the United States from 25 to 50 per cent.

Ar Savannah, Ga., the Reaves Warehouse company failed for \$300,000. Ar London, Q., a train struck a bug-

gy and Mrs. H. L. Jewell, of Greeley, Col., was killed, and Mabel and Helen Stutz were fatally injured.

William Ledbetter, a farmer, and J. II. Clayton, an engineer, living near St Clair Mo. were arrested.

assassination. Wilson Woodley, was hanged at Montgomery, Ala. NORTHERN IOWA and southern Minkilled two persons at Emmetsburg, Ia., and three at Leroy, Minn. Dodge Cen-

In Columbus, O., a company has been preopathic medicine, 34 lumps of from Pittsburgh to Chicago and to

> RAIN and hail did great damage ville the storm was especially severe mented.

In Kansas City Francis M. Loggan, aged 30, a firebug and proud of it, was sent to the Missouri penitentiary for five years for setting fire to the yards of the Kansas City Lumber company. He volunteered the statement that he had been causing big fires in all parts of the United States and Canada for

many years. REPUBLICANS of the First district of Michigan nominated John B. Corliss for congress, and W. C. Robinson was nominated by the populists in the Third district of Alabama.

THE son of Breckinridge attempted to pick a quarrel with Judge Kinkead at Lexington, Ky., and made an attack with a knife on a former friend who had supported Owens.

JASPER and John Atkins (white) were hanged at Winnesboro, S. C., for the murder of William Camp. CATTLEMEN and Cheyenne Indians

near Woodward, O. T., were at war and the settlers in the vicinity were moving their effects into town and the citizens were arming. THE doors of the Commercial bank

of Weeping Water, Neb., were closed with deposits of \$26,000 and \$39,000 in loans. IRENE WASHINGTON and Edmonia

Anderson, two octoroors, fought a duel with knives at Swift, Ala., and both were killed. A BOAT capsized in the Ohio river at Pomerov, O., and David Nutter, Rob-

drowned; all colored and single. In St. Louis a five-story business block was destroyed by fire, causing a Cincinnati, was elected president of loss of \$200,000, and five firemen were

ert Thompson, Daniel Harrigan, Ment

injured. THE post office at Appomattox, where Lee surrendered, will hereafter be known as Surrender.

A RUNAWAY team dashed into the Ix Boston the ready-made clothing family of Daniel Stevenson at Clearfield, Ia., killing two children and fatally injuring the father. Is the cyclone which swept north-

at Harrisburg, Pa., agreed not to ern Iowa and southern Minnesota seventy persons are known to have lost their lives, while the property damages are enormous.

A MOB took three negroes who had murdered a merchant at McGhee, Ark., from the sheriff and hanged them to a telegraph pole.

A FIRE that started on a wharf destroyed property worth \$1,500,000 in Portland, Ore., and three men were supposed to have been burned to death DEMOCRATS of the Eleventh Mississippi district nominated J. G. Spencer for congress on the 1.156th ballot. In the Sixth Illinois district the republicans nominated E. D. Cooke.

THE gold output of Colorado for 1894 will reach \$12,600,000, the largest in its history. It is hoped to mine \$25,000,-000 in 1895. In a Hig Four train wreck near Day-

ton, O., Gilbert Munz was killed and two other men fatally injured. AT a meeting of the democratic committee of the Ashland district in Frankfort, Ky., William C. Owens was declared the nominee for congress by

a plurality of 255 votes. WHILE attending the sovereign grand lodge meeting James Anderson, constitutional convention prohibits grand scribe of the Ohio odd fellows. died at Chattanooga, Tenn.

### FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.

Radnor Forges, P. Q., apollinaris water was struck, which was said to far excel the well-known German waters.

OFFICIAL reports of the French wheat crop of 1894 show a total of 151,002,781 hectolites, against 97,792,080 hectolites last year. GEN. WILLIAM BOOTH, founder of the

Salvation Army, arrived at St. Johns, N. F. He will visit all large cities in Canada and the United States during the next six months. Ix a battle in Yalu bay nincteen

Japanese and fourteen Chinese warships took part and 2,500 men were killed or drowned. THE death of Dr. Rafael Nunez,

president of the republic of Colombia, occurred at Colon of gastric fever. On the Midland division of the Grand Trunk railway a train was de railed between Port Hope and Lindsay, Ont., and Engineer Johnston Fireman Malone and Brakeman Green

#### bury were killed. LATER NEWS.

GEORGE B. ANDERSON, secretary of the American legation in Brazil, has resigned. He was appointed to the position a year ago from the district of Columbia.

THE steamer City of Rio de Janeiro arrived at San Francisco from the orient, on the 24th, with Chinese advices up to August 29 and Japanese to September 9.

Maj. Bowen Moore, pension claims agent at Buffalo, N. Y., indicted for collecting illegal fees, was, on the 24th, found guilty on all five counts of the indictment.

THE United States army is being concentrated near the great railway centers, to be ready for prompt use in case of internal disorders in the thicklypopulated portions of the country. THE committee in charge of the in-

spection of the various routes for the proposed ship canal from Pittsburgh, Pa., to Lake Eric, left Pittsburgh, on the 24th, for the performance of that THE rebels, in Brazil, according to

reports received in Montevideo, have made a further advance. Motto Groso, it is said, will soon be in open revolt. and the San Mateo garrison has de serted to the rebels after killing its officers. THE rumored murder of over fifty

Japanese, engaged in camphor making at Taiwan, Formosa, is confirmed. fore the declaration of war, and all the property belonging to them was appropriated by the murderers. THE schooner Col. Cook, stone laden

from Kelley's island, was abandoned in Lake Erie, on the 23d, in a sinking condition. It was the Col. Cook which about thirty-four years ago run down For counterfeiting silver dollars and sunk the excursion steamer Lady Eigin, causing a loss of nearly 300 GEN. WILLARD SLOCUM died, on the

ONE of the conspirators in the Grant 23d, at Ashland. O., aged 74. He was inspector general of the Thirteenth army corps before and during the siege of Vicksburg, and was breveted a brignesota were swept by a cyclone that adier-general. He was one of the two delegates appointed by Gov. Brough to meet with loyal men of the south in ter and Lowther, in Minnesota, were

1866 S. D. WHITE, an Omaha (Neb.) contractor, who four years ago took a sudden notion to drive across the country to Washington, has returned many big contracts and other causes have dissipated his immense fortune.

# MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

THE Missouri Mexican Veteran asso ciation held its fifteenth annual re-

union at Marshall on the 18th. THE body of J. Q. Walker was found in the reservoir of the Willow Springs water works the other day. Supposed to have been a case of suicide.

THE grand lodge of the order of the Eastern Star held a two days' session at Chillicothe September 18-19. About 200 delegates were in attendance.

SEVERAL persons were injured at Sturgeon the other day by the falling of a platform that had been erected for the accommodation of visitors at a colt show. THE governor has offered a reward

of \$200 for the arrest of the unknown murderer of Thomas Clark, of Pettis county. The murder was committed on the 11th.

THE grand jury at Mexico found a true bill against Henry C. Hinton for the murder of Druggist W. H. Houghland, near Benton City, on the night of September 1. W. F. HALL, aged 20 years, commit-

ted suicide at Piedmont the other day by shooting himself. He left a note stating that his father lived near Farmington. No cause known. THE Mexican Veterans' association, lately in session at Marshall, elected

tary and treasurer. Salisbury was selected as the next meeting place. DURING the fair at St. Joseph William Gardner, a youth, was drinking a glass of lemonade at a stand on the fair grounds when a bottle of pop near by exploded, and Gardner was cut about

Col. T. P. Hoy, of Sedalia, president,

and James Martin, of Marshall, secre-

the face. He will lose the sight of both AT a late special election held in Knox county on the proposition of the bondholders to settle the balance of about \$200,000 at 65 cents on the dollar of the M. M. & M. R. R. bonds which have caused so much litigation for years, the proposition was carried by

00 majority. ADAM LAW, a prosperous farmer in he eastern part of Sullivan county, attempted suicide the other night by slashing his face and throat with a razor and trying to beat out his brains with a sledge hammer. He gave as his reason that he was afraid he was going to starve to death. He has been to miser all his life and is worth \$75,000. LEMUEL JEVONS, a young stockman, iving near Forest City, visited the fair

and races at St. Joseph the other day and left the ground under the influence of liquor, in company with two strangers. Jevons was decoyed to the river bank, beaten and robbed of \$500. His skull was fractured and he could not survive his injuries. The murderers escaped.

W. R. BELT, until recently mail clerk it the penitentiary, has filed charges beore the prison inspectors against Warden J. L. Pace and they will be inrestigated. The charges are using state neat in his private house, charging a uit for a convict to the state, that he et two prisoners send out sealed letters and that he retained a dishonest convict in his employ.

CLARA WELSH, daughter of W. E. Welsh, a former resident of Kansas City, attempted snieide at Rolla by immping from the observatory of the old conservatory building, a distance of 40 feet. Her injuries were terrible and would probably result in her death. Her parents, it is said, objected to her receiving attentions from a young preacher. She was only 14 years of

WHILE Deputy Sheriff Wilson was reading a warrant to E. Garrison at hesapeake, Lawrence county, the other day, ordering his arrest for burglary. Garrison drew his revolver and fired at Wilson, shooting him in the leg. Wilson opened fire on Garrison. who was holding a child in his lap, and shot the child in the arm and Garrison through the abdomen. Garrison

scaped, badly wounded. THE noted fire-bug Francis M. Loggan, who during the last thirty years has destroyed thousands of dollars' worth of property all over the United States, pleaded guilty in the criminal court at Kansas City the other day to setting fire to the yards of the Kansas City Lumber Co. on the night of August 16, and was sentenced to the penitentiary for five years. For similar offenses he has already served terms n half a dozen different penitentiaries.

THE grand chapter of the order of the Eastern Star, recently in session at Chillicothe, elected the following officers: Grand matron, Mrs. Sue M. Tuttle, Moberly; grand patron, W. H. Wakefield, Kansas City; grand assistant matron, Mrs. G. F. Wyatt, Springfield; grand assistant patron, Mrs. T. S. Kelly, Moberly: grand treasurer, Mrs. Hattie P. Reber, St. Louis; grand secretary, Mrs. Sallie E. Dillon, St. Louis; grand conductress, Mrs. Rosa L. Harris, Neosho: grand assistant conductress

Mrs. Hattie Barney, Chillicothe. THE Missouri Methodist Protestant church conference closed its session at Nevada on the 17th. The following appointments were made: Chillicothe circuit, J. M. Pate: Drexel, C. F. Barnes; Eldorado, H. Hubbard; Eldridge, T. W. Suiter: Flat Creek, B. Ellis; Lincoln, L. A. Smith; Leroy, C. Barnes; Lamar, J. S. Baldwin; Monett, R. M. Morgan; Marionville, B. F. Dill; Nevada, J. S. Baldwin; Osage circuit, F. E. Hammer: Oronogo and Pleasant Hill, S. M. Richardson; Raymore, J. Pate; Rich Hill, J. M. Cornett; Spring River, R. E. Garrison; Schofield circuit, G. R. Watson.

THE latest crop bulletin issued states that in a number of the southwestern and a few of the southeastern counties the heavy rains have made the soil too wet to work, but in most counties plowing and seeding is progressing rapidly with the soil in good condition, and some of the early sown wheat is now coming up.

PHILOPENA ROTH, an unmarried woman 61 years of age, committed suicide at Kansas City the other day by jumping into a well She had been a sufferer for years from what she thought was cancer and left a note saying she could not endure the pain longer. Ar Nelson the other day the 5-year-

dragging a shotgun across the floor when it was discharged, and the little fellow instantly killed. THOMAS CLARK, a wealthy farmer of Johnson county, was recently shot by an unknown man who pretended that he wanted employment as a farm hand. A BOLD attempt was made to rob the

old son of Philander Crockett was

offices of state treasurer and auditor at Jefferson City the other day while the officials and clerks were at dinner. The robber climbed the guttering and entered an open window but secured no clew to the firebus nothing of value

PLAYED A LONE HAND.

An Eighteen-Year-Old Boy Robs a Bank, Securing all the Money in Sight—He Then Makes a Desperate Effort to Escape, but is Knocked Down with a Brick, and, Covered by a Revolver, Surrenders-The Money Recoved.

MOUNT STERLING, Ill., Sept. 25 .-Ralph Conklin, a boy of 18, yesterday, single-handed, robbed the Bloomfield Skiles bank here and compelled the eashier to hand over \$411.

Conklin lives on a farm near here. On his way to town yesterday he met Mack Dunbar, and at the point of a pistol appropriated Dunbar's horse and came into Mount Sterling with a ress and almost completed. We hear mask over his face. Tying his horse in the rear of the bank, he entered and, approaching Cashier Milstead, commanded him to throw up his hands. Without heeding his command Milstead took to his heels and escaped by

a rear door. Conklin quickly pocketed all the money in sight, and passing out the door mounted his horse. He was about to ride away when Constable Snodgrass arrived and pulled him to the ground. Conklin broke away, however, and ran down the street. A citizen, by name John Nighswander, tried to catch Conklin, when he drew his revolver and fired, the ball passing through Nighswander's coat.

Conklin kept on his wild flight and reaching the court he attempted to steal a horse and cart, but was knocked down with a brick. At this moment a citizen drew a revolver and compelled the young bandit to surrender. The money was recovered, and the young ontlaw was placed in jail.

#### SUCCESSFUL EXPLORATIONS.

Return of Members of the University of Pennsylvania Expedition to Labrador. St. John's, N. F., Sept. 25.-Prof. Hite and Messrs. Bucknell, Perkins and Coales, comprising the University of Pennsylvania expedition to northern Labrador, arrived here Sunday night, after a two months' successful explora-

The expedition started on the illfated Miranda, their original intention being to proceed to Hamilton inlet; thence explore Grand Falls and the interior; but the iceberg accident to the Miranda and the illness of Mr. Bucknell, who was second in command of the expedition, compelled the modification of their plans, so they determined to explore Sandwich bay.

They landed at Cape Charles from the Miranda, proceeded north on a mail steamer and explored White Bear and Eagle Paradise rivers, and made partial surveys. Messrs. Perkins and Coales penetrated 130 miles into the interior. Altogether they discovered Rapid falls, sixty feet high, and made a very extensive natural history collection; also some important geographical discoveries. They would have succeeded far better, but Mr. Bucknell's illness, the result of a sunstroke before he left New York, became so to himself, so that Chang begged per serious that his companions were compelled to carry him to Cartwright, a

Hudson Bay Co.'s post. next year, and will charter a steamer to convey a party of professors and

#### students. TWO THOUSAND PRISONERS

Overcome the Russian Guards and Escape

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 25.-By the steamer Rio Janeiro, which arrived from the Orient yesterday, news was received of the escape of 2,000 prisoners from Siberia. The men were cm-

ployed in the construction of the Siberian railway and had, as late developments proved, been planning the escape for several months. Meager advices received at Vokohama concerning the break for liberty are that the men overpowered the Russian soldiers, who were guarding them. and securing all the arms they could, fled. When last heard of they were

making their way towards Corea, and it is believed that they are now safely within the borders of that country to secure passage to more distant ports. The Russian government forwarded the request to Corean officials to assist n the capture of the refugees and to hand them over as fast as apprehended

#### to the Russian authorities. GREATLY EXAGGERATED.

The Stories of a Tax Levy War in Ken-

tucky Without Foundation in Fact. HENDERSON, Ky., Sept. 25.-The sensational stories sent out from here, Sturgis and elsewhere in this section of the state concerning probable warfare in Sturgis tax district are, in the main, without a particle of truth. Sheriff Blackwell has met with much opposition in his attempt to execute the orders of the court in the tax cases, which were brought on bonds issued to build a road, never built, but it has

not been of as serious a character as reported. The plain truth is the plaintiffs whose executions are in the hands of the sheriff, are giving publicity to the stories of armed deputies and marching posses in hope of effecting a set- Pekin. tlement of their claims. If a compromise is not effected the sheriff will proceed to levy under the executions, and will meet with considerable opposition, but unless hotheads do some-

thing no serious trouble will result. Gen. Ezeta Going to Mexico.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 25.-Gen. Antonio Ezeta, accompanied by his attorneys, Rubens & Duquesada, left this city Sunday on their way to Mexico. It is said that Gen. Ezeta will endeavor to enlist President Diaz in a scheme to unite the Central American states into one republic. This has been his ambition for a long time, and if he can secure the influence of Mexico's president, his plan may succeed. Col. Echoff, Gen. Ezeta's lientenant, is reported to be in Los Angeles awaiting to accompany his chief on his mission to Mexico.

A Quarter of a Million Dollar Fire of In cendiary Origin.

LEGE, Pa., Sept. 25.-The Erie car

works are on fire, with no prospect of being saved. The fire spread with great rapidity. The works were built by the late W. R. Davenport twentysix years ago, and were valued at \$250,-000. The insurance is estimated at \$60,000. The works covered five acres. The city is in a state of terror, and manufacturers are putting large forces of watchmen on duty in anticipation. of firebugs. The fire was unquestionably of incendiary origin, but there is FROM THE ORIENT.

Late News by the Steamer City of Rie de Janeiro-Various Treatles in Preparation -Li Hung Chang's Mistake-Unfair to a Neutral Port-Offered Mediation Refused by Jones States by Japan-Spies Arrested-Keeping an Eye on Things, Etc.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 24.—The steamr City of Rio de Janeiro, which arrived from the orient shortly before 9 a. m. yesterday, brings Chinese advices up to August 29 and Japanese up to September 9:

Treaties in Preparation.

The Asahi, a Japanese paper, says: "We have already stated that a treaty with the United States was in prognow that it has been completed and that the United States government has appointed, by cable, Mr. Dun, its minister in this country, minister plenipotentiary for the ratification and exchange of ratifications."

"We believe," remarks the China Gazette, "that we are not premature in stating that the formalities have been arranged and everything is cut and dried for the completion of a new set of trading regulations between Great Britain and China, which we are assured will be found very advantageous to the former, from a co cial point of view at least.' The Emperor of China Spoiling for a Fight.

The Shanghai Mercury says it is rumored in Pekin that the emperor has expressed his desire to personally take charge of the operations in Corea, and to leave the throne under the regency of the empress dowager. When his majesty made known his desire, his hearers are said to have knocked their foreheads and prayed his majesty not to let his anger drive him so far as to engage with so paltry an enemy, but to let his officers drive off the barbari-

The defenses of Moukden, the home of the Thing dynasty, are being trengthened, the garrison having been reinforced by 8,000 trained troops. Li Hung Chang's Innuspicious Declars

"It was rumored some time ago,"

says a Japanese journal, "that Chang Tse Tung and others were going to impeach Li Hung Chang, but nothing has resulted. It is even said that the apcointment was made to deceive the Pekin government. That government," continues the same paper, "considered it most inauspicious that Li Hung Chang should declare war when the empress dowager was about to celebrate her sixty-first birthday. The emperor was especially angry and threatened to humble the power of Tien-Tsi Yamen. Though the emperor could easily have effected this, his counsellors warned him that in that case the viceroy might do the country infinite harm by allying himself with foreign ministers, and advised him to appoint an impeachment commission to keep him in subjection. The emperor, who is afraid of foreign ministers, reconsidered his resolution. Li Hung Chang, who got scent of this change on the emperor's part, communicated with Chang Tse Tung, who was reported to be hostile mission to form a commission. The reason of Chang's consent to become Li Hung Chang's accuser, at the lat-Prof. Hite proposes returning there ter's request, is that he possesses the largest iron manufactory in China, and being short of money, and the works being threatened with ruin, he means to set them at work again through the vice, ov's assistance. The Pekin government, ignorant of all this conspiracy, has already given 2,500,000 taels toward war expenses, and will even abolish the empress dowager's celebration to defray the cost of the

war." Unfair to a Neutral Port. The foreign consuls at Shanghai, with the Portuguese consul at their head, communicated with the Taoti in connection with the neutrality of the court; but as the Taoti's action was unsatisfactory they held a meeting. As a result of the meeting the following resolutions were presented to the

Resolved, That the action of the Taoti at Shanghai is most unfair to a neutral port, and if he continues to act in such violent manner, troops shall be landed from British, French and American men-of-war for the protection of the inhabitants of the settlement.

An Offer to Mediate Rejected by Japan. The British and Russian ministers at Pekin lately met Li Hung Chang and offered to mediate for an armistice for the reason that if the Chinese army, which he had amassed with so much trouble at Heijo were defeated, it would be a great disgrace to China.

Li Hung Chang who had been frightened by defeats at Fung Tong Tao, and Gazan, and had secretly been hop ing for mediation, eagerly seized this opportunity and requested the two ministers to mediate. The ministers then made the same proposal to the Japanese government, which firmly declined, as it had entered upon the war with great determination and was not now to be turned away by such a pro posal.

Japanese Spies Arrested. The case of two alleged Japanese spies arrested on the French concession by the French police and delivered to the United States consul general, is still under consideration at

not identified with Shanghai by important business relations returned to Japan, and last week about 100 of the m went home. Keeping an Eye on Things.

United States Consul-General Jorni-

gan is active in having all Japanese

The British man-of-war Centurion left Chefoo August 28, with three other men-of-war, for Jinson. The British China squadron is, at its government's orders, cruising in Corean waters to watch the progress of the war and to keep an eye on the movement of Russia and France, but as the squadron is not large enough to watch the Russians at Vladivostock and the French in Tonquin, the commander of the sqadron has telegraphed home for a dispatch of three men-of-war from the Northern Pacific squadron. Vessels from other squadrons will undoubted ly be dispatched to the northern port.

Li Hung Chang an Old Man. "Li Hung Chang," says the Yomiuri, "is in his seventy-third year. For ten years he has been subject to apoplexy and half his face is paralyzed. In peace time he never goes to his office. but stays at home; but in spite of his age and disease he rides every morning and reviews the troops.

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